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SUBJ: HIJACKING OF VC-10: EGYPTIAN PRESS AND PARLIAMENT
NOVEMBER 24-25

1. CAIRO NEWSPAPER NOV. 25 CONTINUE FEATURE HIJACKING OF VC-10 IN STRONGLY CONDEMNATORY TERMS. ACTION CONTINUES TO BE CALLED "TERRORISM" AND HIJACKERS REFERRED TO AS "OUTLAWS" AND "CRIMINALS". (COMMENT: USE OF WORD "TERRORISM" TO DESCRIBE TUNIS INCIDENT IN GOE STATEMENT REPORTED CAIRO 9491 IS, WE BELIEVE, FIRST TIME ANY FEDA'I ACTION HAD BEEN OFFICIALLY BRANDED AS SUCH BY GOE. WE UNDERSTAND STATEMENT HAD BEEN CLEARED BY MFA BY 1600 GMT NOV. 23 BUT ISSUANCE WAS DELAYED UNTIL 2300 SINCE PRESIDENT SADAT HIMSELF, WHO WAS AT BARRAGE REST HOUSE OUTSIDE CAIRO, WISHED TO REVIEW IT PERSONALLY.)

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2. PRESS CARRIES STATEMENT ISSUED AFTER JOINT MEETING OF

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PERMANENT AND NATIONAL SECURITY COMMITTEES OF PEOPLES ASSEMBLY. STATEMENT "PUTS ON RECORD" THAT TUNIS HIJACKING, WHICH CARRIES "NEW AND DANGEROUS DIMENSION", IMPLIES BLACKMAIL OF GOE WHICH HAD ACCEPTED CUSTODY OF ROME FIVE IN RESPONSE TO HER NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND PLOS REQUEST. TIMING OF HIJACKING AFTER RECOGNITION OF PLO AS SOLE LEGITIMATE REP IS DELIBERATE ACT OF SABOTAGE AND ATTEMPT TO PORTRAY PLO AS UNABLE TO CONTROL PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. PEOPLES ASSEMBLY SUPPORTS GOE DECISION TO HAND OVER ROME FIVE FOR HUMANE REASONS AND IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST OF A NUMBER OF ARAB LEADERS, PROVIDED THAT THE ARAB COUNTRIES "SHOULDER THEIR RESPONSIBLITIES AT A HIGH LEVEL CONFERENCE TO BE CONVENED TO DIFFERENTIATE LEGITIMATE RESISTANCE AND CRIMINAL ACTS SERVING THE ENEMY'S AIMS..." PEOPLES' ASSEMBLY "CALLS ON ARAB LEAGUE SY TO ARRANGE THIS CONFERENCE QUICKLY AND TO AFFIRM WHAT WAS DECIDED IN RABAT", I.E. TO ABSTAIN FROM INTERFERING IN PALESTINE AFFAIRS, SINCE PLO IS NOW SOLE REP. AT THE SAME TIME, THE PLO MUST "SHOULDER ITS RESPONSIBILITIES " VIS-VIS DISSIDENTS AND DEAL FIRMLY WITH "IRRESPONSIBLE AND SUSPICIOUS ELEMENTS WHO COMMIT ACTS MARRING THE IMAGE OF PALESTINIAN STRENGTH."

3. GUMHURIYYA AND AHRAM EDITORIALS CONDEMN HIJACKING AND REITERATE INSISTENCE THAT PLO MUST MEET SUCH CHALLENGES FIRMLY AND CLEARLY.
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